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THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN HAS A LARGER CIRCULATION THAN ANY OTHER MORNING PAPER IN THE DISTRICT OF CO-

MONDAY MORNING ...... SEPTEMBER 6, 1875. "THE right to bear arms," in its application by the Southern Democracy to the cases of their colored fellow-citizens, means to bear them and go to work in the cotton fields.

THE North Carolina constitutional convention meets to-day. Judge Settle will probably administer the oath of office to the members thereof, and, contrary to the maliciously false assertions of the Democracy, will not assume authority to decide contested election cases. He holds that the convention itself is alone empowered to make such decisions.

THE fact that Columbus Alexander telegraphed his congratulations to the California Democrats upon the result of the late election in that State will be generally accepted as pretty positive proof that the enemies of progress and true reform have obtained temporary control of affairs in that section.

T. J. MURREY, a "defunct" restaurant keeper of St. Paul, is one of the latest witnesses brought forward by Mr. Welsh, of Philadelphia, as a witness against the Indian Bureau. As usual, he indorses Murrey as "thoroughly reliable," and, as usual, it turns out that Murrey is unreliable. The Pioneer-Press, a strictly independent paper, published at St. Paul, exposes his true character to be that of an unprincipled blackmailer in an article which we reproduce elsewhere this morning.

THE virtuous indignation of the Philadelphia Times over the award by the Treasury Department of the internal revenue stamp printing contract is readily explained. The McLaughlin Brothers, Philadelphia printers, were bidders for it. They are stockholders in the Times, and Frank Mc-Laughlin is the publisher or business manager of the paper. He is a red-hot Democrat; but evidently thinks that the contract should have been awarded to his firm, notwithstanding that the bid of the Graphic was the lowest one offered. "Hence these tears."

THE result of the election in California will be to disorganize the Dolly Varden party, as the Independents in that State are called, and to place such men as Newton Booth, Senator from that State, on the uppermost shelf of oblivion, where they belong. The State is Republican on National questions, beyond all doubt; but with four tickets-Democratic, Republican, In dependent and Temperance-in the field it was only to be hoped that the Republicans would carry the election. The result is therefore not without its unpleasant features, but on the whole may be accepted as a certain precursor of future victories to the party of law and order.

THE New York Democrats, and such hybrid journals as the Tribune, seem to think that Governor Tilden is the only living man who can effectually break down the infamous canal ring. Up to this time, however, he has failed to do anything in the direction of reform, except to sanction the arrest of Assemblyman Lord. It should be understood in this connection that the Tribune's support was bought by Tilden for \$50,000 when he ran for Gov ernor, and it is therefore not improbable that its present attitude of support to him, at a time when his acts do not justify the claim it sets up in his behalf, is also the result of a bargain and sale.

AREANSAS is beginning to send wheat away for sale in the Northern markets. This unexpected proof of the progress of that State is entirely due to the labor revolution which has taken place there. Instead of "making cotton" as the absorbing product of the soil, the planters have begun to farm and to raise their own breadstuffs. The germ of thoroughly Republican independence has evidently taken a firm hold, and all that remains to be done to make the State one of the most prosperous in the Union, is to clean out the Democratic office-holders who repell immigration to it by refusing to maintain free schools, and by maintaining an invidious distinction in the administration of justice by which their political friends and sympathizers are tayored and their opponents made the victims of oppression.

THE North Carolina Democrats still insist that Jeff Davis should be pardoned, and at the same time insist that ex-Governor Holden's disabilities shall not be removed. Davis committed a crime which cannot be denied against a nation; while Holden's acts were, to say the most, simply those of s partisan official; but they look upon the two as parallel cases. Davis has never been tried, while Holden has been impeached, deposed from office ond decitizenized, so to speak. There is no similarity between them; but the manner in which they are severally treated by the Southern Democrats plainly proves that Holden's Union record, as well as his subsequent adherence to the Republican party, has more to do with their opposition to the proposition to remove his disabilities than anything else. In other words, they are making a political martyr of him, and perhaps it is as well for Holden that they are.

"INFORMATION is wanted of the where-abouts of the battle-flag of the First Regi-ment Louisians Volunteers. Color-bearer Clamesy was captured at Gettyaburg and taken Clancey was captured at Gettysburg and taken to Fort Delaware. He kept the flag around his body during the whole time of his imprisonment. He was exchanged and returned to Richmond in October, 1803. While here he left the flag in the custody of some one whose name cannot be ascertained. The undersigned, in behalf of the First Louisiana, would be pleased to hear anything concerning the flag."

This announcement appears over the

This announcement appears over the signature of Mr. Ernest Wiltz in the Richmond Enquirer. The evident object to be realized in the recovery of the lost battle-flag is the glorification of the Lost Cause. It is an emblem of treason; but is still cherished with earnest affection by those who followed in battle. While they pretend to revere the Stars and Stripes and to be loval to the Government against which they fought under it, it seems to be impossible for them to consistently keep furled the Confederate flag.

THE Greensboro' (N. C.) New North State alludes to the garbled accounts of political affairs in the South sent by the agents of the Associated Press in that section as follows:

"The editor of the Washington REPUBLI CAN is thoroughly conversant with political affairs in the Southern States, and understands effairs in the Southern States, and understands
the politics of North Carolina as well as if he
were here upon the ground. When the Democratic agents of the Associated press telegraphed a Democratic victory all over the
North, the Washington REPUBLICAN rectified
the error, and finally brought the Northern
people to a realizing sense, not only of the Republican victory, but of its overwhelming importance. The editor is entitled to, and should

receive commendation for its labors in our behalf, in these days when even Republican journals in the North-deserved by the persistent misrepresentations of Democratic press agents and Democratic newspapers, and by the clamor of the 'independent' press, help to circulate the idea that Republicanism in North Carolina is flat upon its back. Had it not been for the Is not upon to tack. And is not been to the Known in the Northern States that we have a popular majority in the last election of not less than fifteen thousand votes, being a change in our favor over last year of thirty thousand."

THERE is a mistaken belief that the Dis trict Board of Health has exceeded its authority in attempting to condemn the wooden pavements in our streets-particularly Pennsylvania avenue-as nuisances and prejudicial to good health. Any one who has occasion to travel over the Avenue early in the morning, when the rays of the sun begin to develop the exhalations of rotten wood and putrid excrement, will agree that the Board is right. There may be certain kinds of wood which will endure for years as a pavement, without becoming offensive, in this regard; but none of it is to be found in the different varieties with which Pennsylvania avenue is paved. GOVERNOR KEMPER, of Virginia, appears

to rest uneasy for fear that he will not be considered "sound on the goose" by those delectable "Gushers" who are just now professing a great desire for peace and the "era of good feeling" toward the North for the Northern market, but at the same time stubbornly refuse to vote for any person for office at home who did not serve "the Lost Cause" in the Confederate army. A correspondent informs us that he was serenaded a few evenings since at Harrisonburg, Va., in response to which he spoke hope fully of the financial condition of Virginia and informed the people that "without in-"creased taxation the State would pay her 'principal and interest under an honest ad-'ministration, a Democratic administration. "A VIRGINIA ADMINISTRATION. He said "in regard to the war he had no spology to 'make, no concessions, and nothing to re-"gret; that he was proud of his Jackson and his Lee, and that, if it was to do "again, he would do as he had done. From this it will be seen that even Governor Kemper is "losing his grip" and going to talk "gush" and flattery. Have not "Democrats" and "Virginians" controlled the State policy of Virginia during the past six years, and has she not been going behind hand each of those years? Why, then, all this nonsense about Democrats and "Virginians" being honest, as though any one else had robbed the State? Who, pray, were Coleman and Mayo? And he is unrepentant too, and would rebel again if the opportunity occurred. So this reconstruction and parden means nothing at all with Governor Kemper. He has taken the oath of allegiance with a mental reservation. He will acknowledge the authority of the Federal Government if it so pleases him, and does not contravene that of the State of Virginia, of which latter State he is Governor. And this is what the chivalry of Virginia call honesty.

DISHONEST OFFICIALS.

It has become quite the fashion for the Opposition press to speak of Republican office-holders everywhere as thieves or dishonest men. This is more frequently done by indirection than by direct allega tion. It is "as easy as lying," to speak of what may be expected when we once more get honest men in office, or to insinuate that each considerable office is backed up by a "ring." There is, of course, in such innuendoes no libellous charge of stealing and robbery, but the design is to make the impression on the minds of readers that all office-holders are dishonest. This has been a labor of love with the Detective Press of New York, led on by the Sun and Tribune, ever since Dana failed to obtain the office he asked for, and the late Mr. Greeley was nominated by the Democrats for the Presidency. It has been the Alpha and Omega of their efforts to produce the impression upon the minds of the people that the Republican party was corrupt in its leaders and office-holders, from the President down. These Opposition newspapers have not besitated to hazard charges of almost every kind, but not one of them have they been able to prove. Although we have passed, as a nation, through the fiery furnace of war and all its attendant demoralizations. since the Republican party attained power, and have expended upwards of twelve thousand millions during its incumbency, vet there has been no great astounding de falcations by the leading representatives of the party. This Detective Press formerly made periodical allegations or rumors, t the effect that there were great errors in the books of the Treasury, that the balance were forced, that General Spinner could not leave the office for fear that ex posure would be the consequence, result-

ng to the injury of the party. The recent retirement of the old Treasurer and the transfer of the treasure to the custody of the new one involved a count by disinterested parties, and the result was announced without a whine or a whimper on the part of those veracious correspondents who formerly delighted in boldly asserting that there was something wrong in General Spinner's accounts, and that shorts would be found in his bonds and treasure whenever a count was made. They did not even resssert their charges when they learned that the count was to be had Neither did they apologize for having formerly alleged that there was something wrong. It is a rule of the Detective Press never to apologize or take anything back. The editors in New York have also been most careful not to allude to the remarkable fact that General Spinner's accounts during his incumbency had gaggregated many thousand millions, running through a period of fourteen years, without any startling or embarrassing defalcations. They have not ventured a single song in praise of this honesty of Republicans, because it

would be making themselves out liars. But let us contrast this condition of accounts with the last Democratic Adminis tration. During the Administration of Mr. Buchanan we had a little speck of war with Brigham Young. It was a small affair and soon settled by "old Buck's caving in," through those arrant secessionists. Lazarus Powell and Ben McCullough whom he sent as commissioners to treat with the Mormon traitor. But even this little speck of war resulted in the theft of more bonds than have been lost by the Republicans during the last fourteen years; and they were stolen, too, from Indian trust funds, stolen and loaned to Russell Majors and Waddell, the contractors for army supplies to Sidney Johnston's forces

And yet these brazen Democrats now have the face to charge Republican officeholders with habitual swindling and theft, and prate of the times when honest mer shall take office again. It is susceptible of proof that there never was in any country a single party that maintained its power so long and remained so free from corruption as has this Republican party of these United States. Of this we need no better or stronger proof than the opposition of the Detective Press of New York. It is very evident that the corruption it alleges to exist has not taken that direction. But every one acquainted with the manage ment of that press, and especially its Wash ington bureaus, knows that it is by no means noted for its immaculate purity. If the stealing and corruption were so common and palpable, what so natural as attempts to hush the press with bribes of office or spoils? Has this been done? Has a bribe been offered even? Of course not. The

Detective Press would rejoice at evidence

of bribery if not at the bribes. Democrats cannot afford to enter into a contest with Re-publicans upon records of honesty in office anywhere, in either State or National trusts. The veterans of the party know this and are silent. It is only the paid scribblers and over zealous juveniles who make such charges and allegations as we have referred to above. These make a rule to repeat every lie they hear which they magine will injure the Republican party. "THE COMMONER"

The Commoner, with the motto "equalty of duties; equality of rights," is the title of a new newspaper published in this city by Rev. George W. Williams, who is ts editor and proprietor. It is of twentyeight columns, and its mechanical execution is in a very high order of the typographical art. The Commoner, in the anguage of its salutatory, "shall try to be "to the colored people of the country a "guide, teacher, defender, and mirror," As a guide it will endeavor to lead them from the quagmire of perverted political life to the firm foundations of intelligent citizenship and independent manhood. As a teacher it will strive to present to them everything that is beautiful in character, noble in action, and sublime in living. It will teach them, if not to forget, to forgive the past, and press on and upward to the things that are before. As a defender it will protect them from the unmerciful and acrimonious 'attacks of their enemies, and seek to overthrow everything that is subversive of their material, educational, and moral welfare. As a mirror it will always aim " to reflect their genius, virtue, and thrift, and thereby show the country and the world that the negro under healthful and

'est development." The Rev. Mr. Williams' is a gentleman well known to the colored people of the country as an earnest, able and discreet champion, and, above all, he possesses the confidence of those who know him, especially Frederick Douglass, John M. Langston and their confreres; and in his editorial management of The Commoner he will have the aid and patronage of the ablest colored writers in the country, together with that of Wendell Phillips, Ralph Waldo Emerson, T. W. Higginson, W. L. Garrison, and men of that class. The preparations made for starting The Commoner were thorough and complete. It was not the result of a hasty thought nor of a day's work. Wisdom, experience and capital combined in the creation of this new newspaper, which is no doubt destined to hold with the colored population of the country a most important place. We wish it every success and very sincerely hope it will be handsomely sustained.

All persons desiring to canvass for The Commoner can secure specimen copies of that paper by addressing Mr. J. H. Cromwell, Washington, D. C. All letters upon business and money orders should be addressed to George W. Williams, editor of The Commoner, in care of Frederick Douglass, 316 A street northeast.

The Commoner can be had of all respectable news-venders.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

- Turkey is beating her drum-sticks. - Is there no law to reach Mrs. Mosher !-Exchange. Whiteles might.

- Dong Morree and Clara Peah is what the absent-minded Parisian landlady calls them. - The "Irish Bull" delights to be noticed. It is a rare and blissful sensation that inflates it with much conceit.

- He passed us on the street, mumbling:

"Saddle Rock, Morris Cove, Pearl-shell! Reed-

oirds nowhere. Mum-mum-mum. - The defeat of the Ohio Democracy will knock the hopes of their brethren in Pennsylvania higher than the crow is wont to fly.

- The Sharon girls are not quoted so high as before the crash .- Cincinnati Times. We'll take a Share"on" 'em however, provided "Barkis," etc. - Because a Massachusetts murderer is delicate in health, the humane medical ad-

visers of the Hub claim that hanging would jeopardize his life. - If Mr. Welsh had never been crossed i any way by the Interior Department the idea of blackening the official honor of that Depart-

ment would never have crossed his mind. - " This is my last canvass on earth," says William Allen. Gracious G-r-s-c-i-o-u-s, nd does the old man fool himself with the he

lief that he will be allowed to canvass below? - An Eastern man, while drinking from a spring, quaffed a lot of potato bugs, and now the bugs are so busily engaged looking around for green potato-vines that they don't find

- If any irregularities are found in the secounts of an Indian agent at some post on the outskirts of civilization, the Powerful Mind exercises itself in the tower of great altitude, and forthwith pronounces the officials of the Interior Department thieves and scoun-

drels. It would be quite as consistent to hang man because his servant was guilty. - Coffee and pistols for two !-St. Louis Times. Accepted .- Evening Journal. And then those dauntless fellows went forth upon their mission of death with the fire of eternal hatred gleaming from their eyes, and away out upon he green sward of a quiet country spot they met. "One, two, three! Fire!" and the broadside of a barn in the rear of either would

ave been perfectly safe. - The chirp of the cricket was heard on our streets on Saturday night at 9 o'clock singing the music of the newsboys, "full account of the murder," and "terrible suicide of Charley Ross." The "full account" comprised a few lines of bad English, and nothing but what everyone was conversant with; while the "terrible suicide" forgot to put in an appearance at all. Wonderful enterprise! Amazing Startling!

- That marvelous demagogue Sam Carey has waved his wonder-working wand over 200 different audiences, endeavoring to charm of inflation the sweat of their brows will bring them three dollars per diem instead of a dollar and a half; but he cunningly forgot to add that inflation would double the prices of provisions long before the workingman's wages would increase to that amount.

- Knoxville is where she lived, and it was Higgins she loved. It was that deep, searching love that never recognizes locksmiths or heeds parental advice. Marry him she would, though it necessitated descending from the back window, and from the back window she went down to the arms of her lover, but the family appeared on the scene. Higgins here paid a flying visit to the back fence, and made a hasty ascension, leaving the brave girl to knock the old gentleman down, lay two brothers out with a stake, kick the hired man full of chaos, and then overtake him at the forks of the road. She won that night, and in the morning both were made one by a justice some ten miles away from the scene of

Welsh vs. Wilder. (From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.) Another letter of the somewhat prolific William Welsh will be found in this morning's Pioneer Press. It makes conspicuous the con-nection of some of the leading citizens of St. Paul with the Indian department, bringing in, among that of other witnesses, the testimouy of one T. J. Murrey, a defunct restaurantkeeper of this city. Mr. Weish says that be-fore using the testimony of Mr. Murrey, he made "diligent inquiry" as to his credibility, and found that he was " thoroughly reliable." There are several business men in St. Paul who would be glad to find out that Murrey is "thoroughly reliable," among them Mr. Wilder himself, who furnished the animus which undoubtedly inspires Murrey by proceed-ing to collect a sum of money which the defunct restaurant-keeper had borrowed of him, in return for which unexpected attention to funct restaurant-keeper had borrowed of him, in return for which unexpected attention to business, the defunct restaurant-keeper has followed him ever since. Murrey's testimony may be perfectly correct. We have no know!

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edge to the contrary, and have sought none. But as to his credibility, Mr. Welsh must have sought evidence in quarters unknown to this community, although right here he could have discovered the strongest possible inspiration on the part of Murrey for any statement that anybody would l'sten to to the damage of the man who loaned him money, took security on his fixtures, and sold them out like a man of business when he found he could get it back in no other way. There has been no time when Mr. Wilder could not have bought Murrey off dog cheap if he had chosen to submit to his blackmailing demands, but it may be said to his credit, and it will go far toward his defense, that he persistently refused to do anything of the kind.

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It appears to have occurred to Mr. Welsh that if Murrey's evidence is true, it convicts that individual bimself of equal complicity with Wilder, but this seems not to have injured his "credibility" in any respect with the ex-cellent Mr. Weish.

So far as the letters of Mr. Weish affect Mr.

So far as the letters of Mr. Weish affect Mr. Wilder, it is proper to say that his standing in this community entitles him to a hearing before judgment is rendered. That hearing it is the purpose of the Pomeer Press to afford him at a very early day. Mr. Wilder has undoubtedly had considerable transactions with the Indian department, but if he has been guilty of absolute fraud, it will be a surprise to his friends in this city, who are many as wall as stanch. in this city, who are many as well as staunch

DIEU. DIGGS.—September 4, 1875, SAMUEL JEROME 1665, in the sixty-second year of his age. The faneral will take place this afternoonat 2:25 clock from his late residence, 604 M street, riends of the family are invited to attend. ABHLY.—On Senday moreing, at the residence of Mrs. Wm. B. Todd, John Robert Asilly, in the fifty-second year of his age.

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